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1. EMBOFF REVIEWED STATUS OF ROMANIAN APPLICATION FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE (NAC) WITH ROMANIAN CHARGE LIVIU RADU, AUGUST 3. BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL HERE IN MARCH, RADU HANDLED SOUTH ASIA AND NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN FOREIGN MINISTRYBG HE WAS MEMBER OF ROMANIAN GUEST DELEGATION TO 1975 NAM FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN LIMA.

2. RADU DESCRIBED ROMANIAN REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS AS NATURAL CONSEQUENCE OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS ROMANIA MAINTAINED WITH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF NAM AND OF ROMANIAN FOREIGN POLICY STANCE WHICH CONSISTENT WITH NAM FORMULATIONS. HIS GOVERNMENT WAS UNABLE TO SEE ANY REAL OBJECTION TO ITS REQUEST. TO THOES WHO REFERRED TO NAM CRITERIA, HE RECALLED THAT CRITERIA APPLIED ONLY TO MEMBERSHIP IN MOVEMENT. TO THOSE WHO ARGUED THAT ROMANIA SHOULD END ITS MILITARY ATTACHMENT, RADU REPLIED THAT PEOPLE WHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT SUCH THINGS MUST EVOLVE SLOWLY. REJECTION OF ROMANIA'S
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REQUEST WOULD STRENGTHEN MILITARY BLOCS RATHER THAN

WORK TOWARDS NON-ALIGNED GOAL OF WEKENING THEM.

3. RADU SAW INDIANS AS PRINCIPAL IF NOT SOLE IMPEDIMENT TO ACCEPTANCE OF ROMANIAN APPLICATION. IF THERE WERE A VOTE, HE SAID ROMANIA WOULD BE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BECAUSE NO ONE WOULD VOTE AGAINST. BUT AS THE DECISION HAD TO BE TAKEN BY CONSENSUS, INDIA'S OPPOSITION WOULD BLOCK A FAVORABLE DECISION. TO THE OBSERVATION THAT ROMANIA HAD THE CONSOLATION THAT THE INDIAN POSITION WAS NOT REALLY DIRECTED AGAINST ROMANIA, RADU FIRST COMMENTED. "BUT YOU KNOW MANY FRIENDS OF OURS SAY THAT THE INDIANS ARE ACTING ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PARY." LATER HE BACKTRACKED, SAYING HE HAD NO SOLID EVIDENCE THAT THE SOVIETS HAD INSTR-GAHWD THE INDIAN POSITION OR THAT THE SOVIETS WERE LOBBYING AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED. "THEY ASK US WHAT WE ARE DOING AND WHY -- AS DO OTHER FRIENDS IN EASTERN EUROPE," HE COMMENTED, BUT HAVE EXERTED NO DIRECT PRESSURE. (COMMENT: WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT RUSSIANS HAVE MADE CLEAR TO GSL OFFICIALS THAT ROMANIAN REQUEST SHOULD BE REJECTED.) SIMILARLY, HE FELT THAT THE CUBANS HAD NOT LOBBIED AGAINST ROMANIA, AT LEAST WITH GSL. RE INDIANS, RADU COMMENTED, " DESPITE WHAT THEY SAY, THEIR POSITION IS UNPRINCIPLED."

4. AS FOR FRIENDS, RADU SAID "THE YUGOSLAVS FIRMLLY SUPPORT US." AND LEFT IT AT THAT.

5. ASKED WHETHER ROMANIA CONSIDERED ACCEPTANCE BY THE NAM AS A MATTER OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE, RADU, LOOKING STOIC, REPLIED THAT ROMANIA WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE A FOREIGN POLICY LINE WHICH LARGELY COINCIDES WITH NAM GOALS. THUS IN OR OUT MADE NO DIFFERENCE. BUT, CONTRASTING ROMANIAN ATTTITUDES WITH AUSTRALIA'S AND RECALLING ROMANIAN SUCCESSFUL BID FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE GROUP OF 77, HE INDICATED GOR DID NOT CONSIDER MATTER INCONSEQUENTIAL.

6. RADU CONFIRMED THAT GSL HAD APPROVED ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO MEMBERS OF ROMANIAN PROTO-DELEGATION. THIS MADE SITUATION WORSE, HE SAID. FIRST, GSL WAS MAKING NO ALLOCATION TO HOTEL SPACE TO SUCH STILL-TO-BE INVITED DELEGATIONS. CONFIDENTIAL

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SECOND, UNTIL A FAVORABLE DECISION WERE REACHED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS, ROMANIANS WOULD HAVE NO ACCESS TO OTHER DELEGATIONS, GIVEN SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT HOTELS AND CONFERENCE CENTER. NONETHELESS, TWO MEMBERS OF DELEGATION WOULD TRAVEL TO COLOMBO NEXT WEEK WHILE OTHERS WAITED IN BUCHAREST.

7. RADU WAS SENT TO COLOMBO TO BE HEAD OF NEW RESIDENT

MISSION HERE. BECAUSE SRI LANKANS BEGGED OFF OPENING
MISSION IN BUCHAREST, HE WILL OPERATE UNDER CHARGE TITLE
WHILE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR IN NEW DELHI RETAINS PRO FORMA
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